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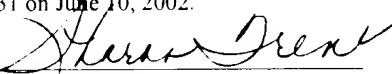


PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hacker et al. Examiner: M.O. Savage
Serial No.: 09/800,413 Group Art Unit: 1723
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Title: LIQUID FILTER HAVING INTERCHANGEABLE SPIN-ON CANISTER
FILTER AND CARTRIDGE FILTER, AND METHODS

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed on March 13, 2002, the period for response having been extended for two months by the Petition For Extension of Time and Fee Payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

Election

Applicants elect species 1, FIGS. 1 and 2.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-18, without prejudice. Please add new claims 21-25 as follows:

19. A liquid filter assembly comprising:
 - (a) a filter head; said filter head having a center tube, an outer tube, a first liquid flow port, and a second liquid flow port; said outer tube circumscribing said center tube;